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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.



AMENDMENT NO. 2 to CIRCULAR 156.

Amendment to General Rules and Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to stockyard owners, market agencies, and dealers.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of Agriculture by the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, approved August 15, 1921, 42 Statutes at Large, page 159, and the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, and for other purposes," Public No. 201, 68th Congress, I, Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, do make, prescribe, and give public notice of an amendment, as hereinafter set forth, to the general rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to stockyard owners, market agencies, and dealers, which were issued under said Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, on November 30, 1921, as amended on June 14, 1923, by Amendment No. 1 to Circular 156.

Effective on and after November 1, 1924, amend subdivision (b) of regulation 17 so as to read as follows:

(b) Every market agency and dealer shall execute and maintain or cause to be executed and maintained reasonable bonds to suitable trustees to secure the performance of their obligations incurred as such market agency or dealer. For the purposes of this regulation "market agency" means any person engaged in the business of buying or selling in commerce livestock at a stockyard on a commission basis, and "dealer" means any person, not a market agency, engaged in the business of buying or selling in commerce livestock at a stockyard, either on his own account or as the employee or agent of the vendor or purchaser.

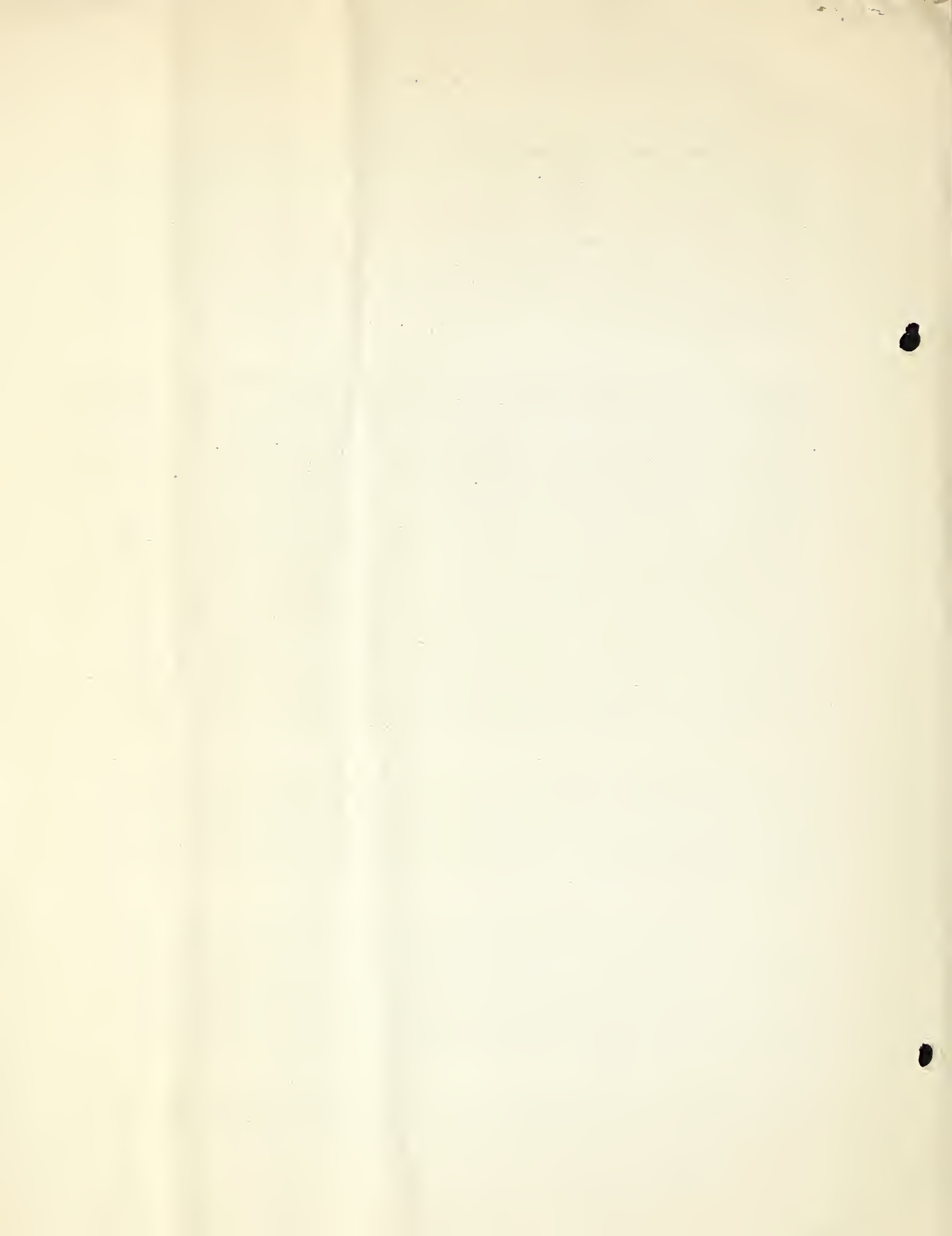
Such bonds may contain such other terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the parties thereto, not inconsistent with the requirements of this regulation. The surety on any such bond shall be a surety company approved by the Treasury Department of the United States for bonds executed to the United States, or any other form of bond may be accepted in lieu thereof, which is found by the officer in charge of the Packers and Stockyards Administration at Washington, D. C. to afford substantially equivalent protection.

The amount of such bond shall be not less than the nearest multiple of \$1,000.00 above the largest amount of the sales and/or purchases of livestock by such market agency or dealer on any one day, or above the average amount of such sales and/or purchases during two business days, as the market agency or dealer may elect, based on the total number of the business days and the total amount of such sales and/or purchases in the preceding twelve months or part thereof in which such market agency or dealer did business, if any. In any case, however, the amount shall be not less than \$1,000.00 and when the sales and/or purchases calculated as hereinbefore specified exceed \$50,000.00 the amount of the bond need not exceed \$50,000.00 plus 10 per cent of the excess. Whenever in the judgment of the officer in charge of the Packers and Stockyards Administration at Washington, D. C. the condition of the business of any market agency or dealer is such as to render his bond inadequate, such bond, upon notice, shall be increased or readjusted accordingly.

In case two or more dealers are the employees or agents solely of the same principal they shall be covered by a single bond in an amount based on their combined purchases and/or sales determined in accordance with this regulation, and in any other case two or more market agencies or dealers may be covered by a single bond.

If any such bond contains a provision for termination by any party thereto before the expiration of the term, if any, specified in the bond, such provision shall require that notice in writing of such termination be filed, on or before the 10th day preceding the date of such termination, with the Packers and Stockyards Administration at Washington, D. C., by the party terminating the bond.

When the bond required by this regulation is executed, the market agency or dealer shall file or cause to be filed with



the Packers and Stockyards Administration at Washington, D. C.,
a fully executed duplicate of such bond.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
caused the official seal of the Department of
Agriculture to be affixed in the city of Washing-
ton this 23rd day of September, 1924.


Secretary of Agriculture.

